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Pursuant to Applicants' duty, under 37 C.F.R. § § 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, to disclose all relevant material, the Applicants list below the following references believed to be relevant to the subject matter of the above-identified application:

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENT

	<u>U.S. Patent No.</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>	<u>Inventor</u>
1.	5,499,109	March 12, 1996	Mathur et al.

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

	<u>Serial/Patent No.</u>	<u>Publication/Issue Date</u>	<u>Applicant</u>
1.	DE 44 03 626 A1	August 10, 1995	Alcatel Network Services Deutschland GmbH & Co.
2.	EP 0 483 421 A1	May 6, 1992	Data General Corporation

OTHER DOCUMENTS

- | <u>Title</u> | <u>Publication Date</u> |
|---|-------------------------|
| 1. IBM Technical Disclosure Bulletin "Correlation Table Mechanism for an IBM-X.400 Gateway" | November 1991 |
| 2. AT&T's Electronic Mail Service for Government Users "Mehmet Toy" | December 6, 1992 |

Applicants respectfully submit that the invention in the above-identified application is patentably distinguishable over the cited references known to Applicants and disclosed in the above Information Disclosure Statement.

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